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DEPARTMENT PLEASE REPEAT TO PRESIDENT'S PARTY FOR THE
SECRETARY, AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND ASST SECRETARY MOOSE

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: PDEV, RH, US, UK

SUBJECT: RHODESIA: MEETING WITH OWEN

1. I SAW DAVID OWEN FOR HALF AN HOUR THIS AFTERNOON.
ALTHOUGH RECENT REUTERS SUMMARY OF ANDY YOUNG'S
ZIMBABWE TIMES INTERVIEW HAS THE PRESS AND POLITICIANS
BOILING HERE, PARLIAMENT IS IN RECESS AND THE NEWSPAPER
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DISTRIBUTORS ARE ON STRIKE. DAVID IS PROUDLY COOL AND
REAFFIRMS HIS APPRECIATION OF ANDY. HIS REAL GRIPE IS
THAT ANDY SEEMS TO THINK HIS PUBLIC DEPRECATION OF
BRITISH ATTITUDES SOMEHOW IS HELPFUL TO THE CAUSE
WHEREAS IN FACT IT PLAYS INTO THE HANDS OF THE VERY
REACTIONARY POLITICAL ELEMENTS ANDY IS MOST DISTRESSED
BY.

2. DAVID IS SENDING HIS OWN RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSED SCENARIO WITH RESPECT TO A PF MEETING TO BE HELD IN LOOSE CONJUNCTION WITH A GENERAL MEETING. THIS WILL REACH YOU THROUGH BRITISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON CHANNELS SINCE HE WANTED THE PM TO BE ABLE TO SEE IT IN TRANSIT.

3. IN GENERAL HE WOULD AGREE TO LOW-GRAHAM TOUR TO TRY TO PUT TOGETHER THE COMPREHENSIVE MEETING AND THE PRE-LIMINARY PF MEETING. AS OF NOW, HOWEVER, HE WOULD BE LEERY ABOUT CONVENING THE LATTER WITHOUT AGREEMENT BY ALL PARTIES TO THE FORMER. HE BELIEVES STRONGLY THAT YOU AND HE SHOULD HANDLE BOTH MEETINGS IN PERSON, AND THEREFORE TIME AND PLACE SHOULD BE DESIGNED TO SUIT YOUR CONVENIENCE. HIS MESSAGE WILL OF COURSE SPEAK FOR ITSELF. BREWSTER UNQUOTE COOPER

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